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1. VENITELLI RETURNED U.S. APRIL 29 AFTER VISIT VOLGOGRAD AND TBILISI ONLY. ON MAY 1 AND 6 VENITELLI REPORTED FOLLOWING AS BEING TENTATIVELY AGREED UPON WITH GOSK.

A. EIGHTEEN CONCERTS SCHEDULED WITHIN AN EIGHT CITY
ITINERARY INCLUDING LENINGRAD - CONCERTS NOVEMBER 24,25;
MINSK-CONCERTS NOVEMBER 27,28; ODESSA-CONCERTS NOVEMBER 29,
30; KIEV-CONCERTS DECEMBER 2,3; TBILISI-CONCERTS DECEMBER
5,6,7; YEREVAN-CONCERTS DECEMBER 10,11,12; VOLGOGRADCONCERT DECEMBER 15; ULYANOVSK-CONCERT DECEMBER 16;
MOSCOW DECEMBER 19,20. RETURN U.S. DECEMBER 21. CONCERT
TIMES, PROGRAMS TO BE PERFORMED EACH CITY AS WELL HOTEL
ACCOMMODATIONS, TO BE FURNISHED BY GOSK "WITHIN TWO MONTHS".
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B. FREE DAYS FALL ON NOVEMBER 23, DECEMBER 1, 9, 18. ACCORDING VENITELLI, FREE DAY ON NOVEMBER 23 PRESENTS NO PROBLEM TO GOSK.

C. TRAVEL DAYS - LENINGRAD/MINSK NOVEMBER 26; MINSK/ ODESSA NOVEMBER 28; ODESSA/KIEV DECEMBER 1; KIEV/TBILISI DECEMBER 4; TBILISI/YEREVAN DECEMBER 8; YEREVAN/VOLGO-GRAD DECEMBER 13; VOLGOGRAD/ULYANOVSK DECEMBER 16; ULYANOVSK/MOSCOW DECEMBER 17. ALL TRAVEL TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY AIR EXCEPT TRAVEL ODESSA/KIEV WHICH BY RAIL (SLEEPER - TWO BERTHS) AND WHICH CONCURRED TO BY ORCHESTRA MANAGEMENT MAY 6. SPECIAL FLIGHT ARRAGEMENTS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR ORCHESTRA'S DECEMBER 16 TRAVEL ULYANOVSK/MOSCOW.

D. CONCERTS IN PHILHARMONIC HALLS IN ALL CITIES EXCEPT FOR MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD WHERE ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM AT GREAT HALL OF CONSERVATORY.

E. EXCEPT FOR MINSK, REHEARSALS TO TAKE PLACE IN EACH CITY AND TO BE SCHEDULED IN A.M. HOURS ON DAY OF FIRST CONCERT. REHEARSAL SESSIONS IN MINSK TO BE ARRANGED AFTER ARRIVAL.

F. RE ACCOMMODATIONS. VENITELLI ACCEPTED INTOURIST IN VOLGOGRAD AND IVERIA IN TBIISI.RE HOTELS IN OTHER CITIES, VENITELLI REASSURED BY GOSK ESCORT USTIN THEY WILL BE AS GOOD IF NOT BETTER THAN HOTELS IN TWO CITIES VISITED

BASED ON BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH ACAO, VENITELLI OPTIMISTIC OF POSSIBLE INCREASE IN NUMBER OF SINGLES FROM FIVE (THREE PLUS TWO FOR ESCORTS) TO ELEVEN. APPRECIATE EMB CLARIFY MATTER WITH GOSK AND SEEK ASCERTAIN NUMBER OF SINGLES TO BE INCLUDED IN CONTRACT.

G. RE TRANSPORT OF PROPERTIES. ACCORDING VENITELLI, GOSK (USTIN) HAS AGREED CABIN LOAD ORCHESTRA'S BASS; CELLO TO MOVE WITH OTHER PROPERTIES AS AIR CARGO. VENITELLI HAS AGREED ELIMINATE DIRECTOR'S PODIUM FROM ORCHESTRA'S TOUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPERTIES ON CONFIRMATION THAT GOSK WILL MAKE PODIUM AVAILABLE ACCORDING SPECIFICATIONS (98 CM BY 98 CM BY 20 CM-WEIGHT 30 KILOS) FOR ENTIRE TOUR.

H. PROGRAMS I, II AND V ACCEPTED BY GOSK WITH SUGGESTED CHANGE FOR ONE WORK IN PROGRAM I. PROGRAM V IS FOR PIANO ONLY AND FURNISHED BY DIRECTOR DAVIES TO VENITELLI JUST PRIOR LATTER'S DEPARTURE TO MOSCOW. (COPY BEING FORWARDED

EMB UNDER SEPARATE COVER). ACCORDING VENITELLI, GOSK RAISED OBJECTION TO STOKES' PIECE "FIVE VERBS OF EARTH ENCIRCLED" AS IT REQUIRES A NARRATOR AND NEEDS TO BE PERFORMED OFF STAGE AND ENCIRCLING THE AUDIENCE. SUBJECT

TO AGREEMENT FROM COMPOSER, DIRECTOR DAVIES PREPARED PERFORM PIECE ON STAGE AND WITHOUT NARRATOR. WILL ADVISE WITHIN FEW DAYS WHETHER PERMISSION GRANTED BY STOKES AND, IF NOT, WILL FURNISH SUBSTITUTE WORK.

3. APPRECIATE CONFIRM ALL POINTS ASAP. KISSINGER

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